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*Grant of takkavi loans to agriculturists in the jagir villages of Arni.*

* 425 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of Sri V. K. Kannan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether agriculturists in the jagir villages of Arni taken over by the Government under the Zamindari Abolition Act are not granted takkavi loans as their lands have not been resurveyed;

(*b*) if the answer to clause (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any relief measures have been adopted for them and what they are; and

(*c*) if the answer to clause (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) No Agriculturists in the Jagir village of Arni taken over by the Government under the Zamindari Abolition Act are granted takkavi loans after getting their lands surveyed at their cost.

"(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

*Assignment of house-sites to the Harijans at Kailasapuram, Tambaram.*

* 426 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any assurance was given by Sri Kumaraswami Raja, when he was Chief Minister of the State that the Harijan families living at Kailasapuram, Tambaram, would be assigned the sites, on which they had been living;

(*b*) whether the Government have issued any orders to the Collector of Chingleput to evict the Harijans at Kailasapuram, Tambaram, Chingleput district;

(*c*) if so, the purpose for which the house-sites will be utilized and the cause for the eviction orders;

(*d*) whether the Government have sanctioned alternative sites or compensation to the Harijan families concerned; and

(*e*) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (*a*) The Government have no information.

" (*b*) & (*c*) In May 1951, the Government ordered that the lands in Nos. 341/1-A and 341/1-C of Tambaram village be assigned to the members of the Last Grade Service of the Secretariat, Board of Revenue, Revenue Offices at Saidapet and Tambaram Panchayat Board. When eviction notices were served on encroachers on the lands, they made representations to the Government against the eviction. The Government have stayed the eviction proceedings and called for a report. The report is awaited.

"(d) & (e) In view of the answer given to clauses (b) and (c), these questions do not arise."

*Markets for the quinine products of the Government Cinchona Department.*

* 427 Q.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government in 1952–53 to secure markets for the products of the Government Cinchona Department, Ootacamund, against imported products and to align the price of quinine with that in West Bengal?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"The Government advertised about our quinine products in newspapers such as 'The Times of India' during 1952–53. Copies of price lists of the quinine products manufactured by this Government were also sent to all chemists, druggists and registered medical practitioners in this Government's zone of supply. Necessary instructions were also issued to the State medical institutions asking them to encourage the indigenous quinine. The Government of India were also addressed to restrict the imports of foreign quinine and they have practically banned the import of quinine except in respect of some special items.

"The Government have examined the question of aligning the prices of the quinine products manufactured by this Government with those of West Bengal Government and it was found to be not practicable to fix our prices entirely on a par with those of the West Bengal Government, as the method of pricing, etc., adopted by the Bengal Government was radically different from that of ours. The question of bringing our prices in parity with those of West Bengal Government is being examined again in consultation with West Bengal Government."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN:—"May I know, Sir, in view of the heavy loss incurred in this Cinchona Department, whether the steps taken by the Government were quite sufficient?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"Sir, Government are further looking into the matter."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—"Sir, in view of the loss incurred by this department, would the Government think of utilizing the cinchona tracts for some other purpose?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"Sir, the Government have been examining that aspect also."

Dr. K. B. MENON:—"Sir, since quinine is a very essential medicine, is it desirable to prevent import from outside and is it not better that if the local production is uneconomical to stop it rather than prevent importation?"